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IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED JANUARY 9 IN KUWAIT DAILY
AL RAI AL AM, NABLUS MAYOR BASSAM SHAKA DESCRIBED AT
LENGTH HIS CONTEST WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES OVER CONTROL OF
MUNICIPAL WATER AND ELECTRICITY SYSTEMS AND HAD NOTHING TO
SAY ABOUT CURRENT EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS NOR
WEST BANKERS ROLE THEREIN. REGARDING SADAT'S INITIAL
VISIT TO ISRAEL, SHAKA SAID "WE WERE SURPRISED" BECAUSE
"IN OUR DEALINGS WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES, WE SAW NO
INDICATION THAT ISRAEL WAS READY TO MOVE TOWARD PEACE.
RATHER, WE SAW...ISRAELI EXPANSIONIST PLANS AND
AMBITIONS..." HE NOTED THAT SADAT'S VISIT HAD BEEN MADE IN
ABSENCE OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENT BY ISRAEL THAT IT ACCEPTED "THE
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PRINCIPLES OF PEACE BY RECOGNIZING THE PLO..." SHAKA DES-
CRIBED THE CURRENT ISRAELI POSITION ON WEST BANK
MATTERS AS "RIGID" AND UNCHANGED SINCE 1967. HE NOTED THAT
HE HAD VISITED TRIPOLI, AND HAD COME TO KUWAIT, TO SEEK
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN NABLUS' WATER
SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE SYSTEM'S "PALESTINIAN,
ARAB CHARACTER." HE SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT HE WOULD BE

RETURNING TO NABLUS SHORTLY.
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